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My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I Am come Hither this Day upon an Extraordinary Occasion, which might have proved Fatal, if it had not been Disappointed by the Singular Mercy and Goodness of God, and may now, by the Continuance of the same Providence and Our own Prudent Endeavours, be so Improved, as to become a sufficient Warning to Us to Provide for Our Security against the pernicious Practices and Attempts of Our Enemies.

I Have Received several Concurring Informations of a Design to Assassinate Me, and that Our Enemies at the same Time are very forward in their Preparations for a sudden Invasion of this Kingdom, and have therefore thought it necessary to lose no time in acquainting My Parliament with these things, in which the Safety of the Kingdom and the Publick Welfare are so nearly concerned, That I assure My Self nothing will be omitted on your Part which may be thought proper for Our Present or Future Security.

I Have not been Wanting to give the neceſſary Orders for the Fleet; and I hope We have ſuch a Strength of Ships, and in ſuch a Readineſs, as will be ſufficient to diſappoint the Intentions of Our Enemies.

I Have alſo Diſpatched Orders for bringing home ſuch a Number of Our Troops, as may ſecure Us from any Attempt.

Some of the Conſpirators againſt My Perſon are already in Cuſtody, and Care is taken to Apprehend ſo many of the reſt as are Diſcovered, and ſuch other Orders are given, as the preſent Exigency of Affairs does abſolutely Require at this Time for the Publick Safety.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Having now Acquainted you with the Danger which hath threatned Us, I cannot Doubt of your Readineſs and Zeal to do every Thing which you ſhall Judge proper for Our Common Safety: And I Perſwade My Self We muſt be all Senſible how neceſſary it is in Our Preſent Circumſtances, That all poſſible Diſpatch ſhould be given to the Buſineſſes before you.

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